

COVERAGE NAME: PLACES

COVERAGE AREA: Statewide, District, County

COVERAGE DESCRIPTION:

The PLACES coverage is a point coverage representing 2947 place name locations in California.

USER NOTES:

The PLACES coverage is useful as a mapping feature. The SCENIC item can be used to select place names that appear on the California Scenic Highway Map. The STHWY item can be used in the California State Highway Map application. The HWYMAP item identifies those places used in the official California State Highway map.

Many place name locations have unique Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) codes. Data containing null values for any given attribute is due to lacking source data.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Datum:	NAD 83
Projection:	Albers
Units:	Meters
1st Std. Parallel:	34 degrees N
2nd Std. Parallel:	40.5 degrees N
Longitude of Origin:	-120 degrees W
Latitude of Origin:	0 degrees N
False Easting:	0
False Northing:	-4,000,000
Source:	USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)
Source Media:	Magnetic tape: digital file in ASCII format
Source Projection:	Latitude/Longitude (Geographic)
Source Units:	Degrees, Minutes, Seconds
Source Scale:	
Capture Method:	
Conversion Software:	ARC/INFO rev. 5.0.1
Data Structure:	Vector
ARC/INFO Coverage Type:	Point
ARC/INFO Precision:	Single
ARC/INFO Tolerances:	
Data Updated:	December 2000
Update Software:	ARC/INFO 7.2.1

DATA DICTIONARY:

File name: PLACES.PAT

Record length: 139

NOTE: Items common to all point coverage's: AREA, PERIMETER, <coverage>#, and <coverage>-ID are not described here.

COLUMN	ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC
17	DIST	2	2	I	-
19	CO	3	3	C	-
22	NAME	28	28	C	-
50	NAMEUC	28	28	C	-
78	NAME_ALT	20	20	C	-
98	POP1990	8	8	I	-
106	POP2000	8	8	I	-
114	FIPS	5	5	I	-
119	COSEAT	1	1	I	-
120	ELEV	5	5	I	-
125	STATUS	1	1	C	-
126	INCDATE	10	10	C	-
136	STIP	1	1	I	-
137	SCENIC	1	1	I	-
138	STHWY	1	1	I	-
139	HWYMAP	1	1	I	-

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS:

DIST: Caltrans district number

CO: Caltrans county abbreviation

NAME: Name of the populated places (lowercase)

NAMEUC: Name of the populated places (uppercase)

NAME_ALT: Alternate name

POP1990: The 1990 population figure, per the California Department of Finance
0 = uncoded, information not available

POP2000: The 2000 estimated population figure, per the California Department of Finance. 0 = uncoded, information not available

FIPS: Census code for Small Urban (SUFIP) and Urbanized Areas (URBCODE)

COSEAT: Indicates if populated place is a county seat
0 = Place is not a county seat

1 = Place is a county seat

ELEV: Elevation (feet)
0 = uncoded, information not available

STATUS: Status of place location regarding city incorporation
I = Incorporated city
U = Unincorporated city
D = Place within an incorporated city

INCDATE: Date city was incorporated if applicable.

STIP: Places found on the California STIP maps
(CURRENTLY THIS ITEM IS NOT CODED)

SCENIC: Places found on the California Scenic Highway and Trucknet maps
0 = Places that are not found on the California Scenic Highway and
Trucknet maps
1 = Places that are found on the California Scenic Highway and
Trucknet maps

STHWY: Places found on the California State Highway map Applications
0 = Places that are not found on the California State Highway map
Applications
1 = Places that are found on the California State Highway map
Applications

HWYMAP: Places found on the Official California State Highway map
0 = Places that are not found on the Official California State Highway map
1 = Places that are found on the Official California State Highway map

RELATIONAL DATA DESCRIPTION:

Currently there are no data relationships established.

DATABASE RELATION:

Currently there are no database relationships established.

DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT:

Some of the data for the PLACES coverage was supplemented by information from the publications 1993 Place Names in California, California Department of Transportation, Drafting Services, HPMS Instructions for reviewing and updating data items, Assembly of Statistical Reports 1995, 1998 Place Names in California, 1999 Place Names in California, 2000 Dept of Finance population data.

UPDATES:

December 2000

Following items added:

NAMEUC – Upper case place name

NAME_ALT – Alternate name, i.e.

Ventura for San Buenaventura

Cucamonga for Rancho Cucamonga

POP1990 – rename of POP item

POP 2000 – new item contains 2000 population data from Dept of Finance